# Religious Department.

Rev. Wm. A. ROBINSON, Editor Joy Compatible with Christian Responsibility.

BY HENRY WARD BEECHER.

A Lecture-room Talk. them smile in my life. As a general Charles V., had found a new home in thing it is a presumption against a man, many of the towns of France; accomplishdo say that when men are brought into up amidst the barbarism of chivalry; full, round pause. Preacher and people true relations with God, the tendency is Paris was as renowned for its painters as towards cheerfulness, hope, joy. This is for its goldsmiths; and the College of ny, waft into eternity, with the dying day the life to be aimed at; when men are al- France spread liberal learning among the ways cast down, their depression is against ambitious students of the day. To the cultivated artisan and the classical scholar

It is true that the New Testament en- the gross corruptions of the Church, and joins us to be careful and vigilant; it is the open vices of monks and priests, were true that besides our own passions, there singularly odious; for the one had learned is a great realm thickly peopled with ad- the charm of virtue by practicing a reguversaries; we have need to be sober and lar life, the other by a study of Socrates earnest, we are to walk with fear and and Cicero. When, therefore, the Bible, trembling; but all this is compatible with in its modern translation, was laid before yet sound the highest notes of joy. You working-class became Protestants. The dying." can have an undertone of care, yet over great manufacturing towns were converted who blossom. I am not disposed to un- or inventor was a Huguenot. Stephen, said to him, "Can I do anything for you? derrate the root and the stem, yet the the famous printer, Palissy, the chief of crown of the plant is the blossom, and Potters, the first French scuiptor, Goujon, out of it the fruit. We are to feel a the great surgeon Pare, and a throng of the kind-hearted officer. sweet assurance, not an impertinent con- their renowned companions, shrank from

Can all persons rise to this? Not at precepts of the Bible. The professors of once. Some persons have melancholy the College of France and the ablest of kind of business to be always stirring up the King himself seemed for a moment you read it?" man should be indifferent to the general power of this wide reform it is impossible troubled, neither let it be afraid." they eat, and enquire how it is digesting. virtue. The gross habits of the Middle ascended to be with Him he loved.

Physiologists say that we should not Ages were thrown aside; the taverns and think about the functions that are going | theaters were deserted, the morris-dancers on in the body. Men who are always and jongleurs no longer amused; the rude thinking about their brain, and heart, and | dissipation of the peasantry, the licentious liver, become fidgets. There are a great fetes of priests and nobles, awakened only many fidgets in the church. It is very disgust; but in every village, prayerpoor company that a man finds when he meetings were held, and the Bible was watches himself. A man may know studied by throngs of eager students, who, whether he is in the main in the Master's for the first time, were now enabled to work, but joy is not in you, it is in God. listen to the voice of inspiration .- Har-Rejoice in God is not simply a command. | per's Magazine. it is a philosophy. Not what we are, but what is revealed to us of God, composes our joy. The effect of a true joy, a genial, confiding disposition, is good. It

I like to see a man express a surplus of important exercise of the day. One i joy. If you walk according to godliness, not surprised at this upon acquantance and are cheerful, you make religion at- The reason does not seem hard to discovtractive. There is nothing that men want | er. The prayer-meeting is the only serso much as something to make this sad | vice in which New Englanders in general world brighter. He that is full of joy is take any active part. In case of the preaching the gospel wherever he goes. preaching, reading, praying in public wor-While fear is the bass note, joy and love | ship, they are audience, spectators. They are the tenor notes. We must have eas- hear preaching with great self-repression ual experiences of sadness in view of our | We find many ministers who entirely disexperiences and relations in this world, regard Scripture lessons. The singing i but in the main we are to rejoice. A performed by choirs (excellent in most thunder shower is good for washing the cases), and is heard with attention and earth and sweetening the air, but the con- enjoyment. In prayer, no one kneels but stant drizzle of a north-east rain is ob- the preacher. The majority do not even jectionable. There is nothing so broad as | bow the head or close the eyes, but listen the New Testament idea of character; it to a sermon. It seems impossible to in is not lean nor strait-laced. Whatsoever | duce them to join in repeating the Lord's things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, Prayer, which our founder, Wesley, so diof good report, Paul says, think on these rectly enjoins. For this cause, perhaps, things. Inside of right, you are to do his injunction is little regarded by our what makes you seem attractive to others, clergy. what makes you of good report among So, also, at family prayer when pastoral those with whom you live. You are visiting, the minister finds himself alone bound to be a Christian strong enough to upon his knees, and the household seated carry sadness and joy as nature carries though the pious will be devoutly attenlight and shade. Nothing is so round, so tive. Such, at least, is generally the case. voluminous, so beautiful, as a Christian Thus, in all cases, except the prayercharacter. Leanness, poverty, appre- meeting, the New England Methodist is hensiveness, do not belong to it.

# . What Makes a Man.

man. If one enjoys pleasantly the pleas- with the responsibility and conduct of the ant things of life, and is always ready to meeting upon him and his brethren and toward all, he is called a first-rate man, a

But does this make the real greatness and goodness of a man? Politeness and suavity, and a willingness to make one's self agreeable under every ordinary cir-

The quality of politeness every man it goes out over the land, as from Jerusarival to the tide of devotion and sympathy but it does not discipline him for severe is but a limit means of good, unless backed by this influence which arises from a

The pleasant things of life-those which are popularly called best-the calm experiences; these do never make men; but the rugged experiences, the tempests, is a good and and precious service to en-

If a man has passed the age of middle life with no marks of trial and struggle written upon his features—no wrinkles this service with a hymn and a short prayof care and sorrow upon his brow-you may well believe that he has not yet graduated in the severe school which constitutes

brother prays, then another, and another in its passage through the world from the -the current of feeling warning as it cradle to the grave, good and evil. here flows. Now comes a short outburst of trouble and there joy, here rudeness and singing from the whole company, of sathere smoothness, one working with the cred song-spirits silent silent all the day other, and all, the good and the evil, long until now, but swelling to vent the blended in the character and accepted with long repressed instinct. Is not sacred stoicism and patience.

forms the greater part of that education ction from an animal, which can have strain. Soft and musical with emotion from the commonplace human being, who with realising latin, the stream of prayer sermon had one excellence—you must admit: It was short." "That is indeed an nges under adversity without diguity or lis here. The men and women who saught excellency in a sermon," replied the minhim in the sepulcher, have found him in lister, "when it has no other."

## The Huguenots.

the garden of spices. The lament halo of feeling illumines the faces of the breth-They were the direct offspring of the ren like tongues of flame. Bible. As the sacred volume, multiplied Now they speak-both the women an by the printing-presses of Germany, first the men, mostly in few and well chosen nade its way into France, it was rewords; the young and old, the learned and ceived as a new revelation. Before Luther the unlearned, as the Spirit giveth them had published his theses it is said that utterance, Many things are preached in there were Protestants at Paris, and these utterances; many aheart is strengthwherever the Bible came, it was certain ened and instructed. The pastor is sel-I am not disposed to persecute people to found a church. But it was chiefly dom left out of a petition, and he finds because they are solemn; this is a mis- among the men of labor and of thought his sermon abundantly remembered, and fortune often, as much as a fault. I have that its teachings were ever welcome. frequently referred to. He is often melknown men in the Christian church who Labor, flying from the decaying cities of ted to peculiar tenderness by expressions were really Christians, yet I never saw Italy and the disturbed dominions of of yearning solicitude and grateful appre-Thus, varied by interjections of heart when he has no joy. I say distinctly ed workmen in silk and linen, iron or clay, singing, an hour has passed; may be the that the joyful state is the typical state. had stimulated the prosperity of Lyons half of another has been spent in the same I do not say that because people are hap- and Tours, Saintes and Meaux; painters, way. The prayers and conference ended, py in meeting they are Christians, but I sculptors, architects and poets had sprung the hymns all died away, there comes the

rise together, and with full voiced harmothe grand old ascription :-"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host;

### Praise Eather, Son, and Holy Ghost." Methodist Home Journal.

The Dying Soldier. "Put me down," said a wounded Prussian at Seden to his comrades who were joy and even jubilation. You can be un- the people, a wonderful religious revolu- carrying him; "put me down, do not take der the influence of responsibility, and tion swept over France. Nearly the whole the trouble to carry me any further; I am than a much larger quantity applied with-

They put him down and returned to all and stronger than all have peace, glad- at once from Romanism to the faith of the field. A few minutes after an officer ness, yea mirth. I love to see Christians St. Paul. Almost every eminent artisan saw the man waltering in his blood, and "Nothing, thank you."

"Shall I get you a little water?" said "No, thank you, I am dving."

the mass as idolatrous, and lived by the "Is there nothing I can do for you." Shall I write to your friends?" "I have no friends that you can write temperaments, but they should aim at living scholars adopted the principles of to. But there is one thing for which I joy, and not fall back on their tempera- reform. The impulse spread to nobles would be much obliged. In my knapsack ment, and suppose the more solemn they and princes. The house of Bourbon and you will find a Testament; will you open are the more Christian they are. But of Navarre were nearly all Huguenots, it at the fourteenth chapter of John, and ought not men to examine themselves? Marguerite, the sister of Francis, became near the end of the chapter you will find Yes, once in a while; but it is the poorest the chief support of the reformers, and a verse that begins with 'Peace.' Will

your heart, and pulling out threads to see touched and softened by the sacred language The officer did so, and read the words. what you are made of. Your heart is of inspiration. The Bible ruled over the "Peace I leave with you, My peace I the poorest thing you can look into. No rejoicing French. Of the wonderful give unto you. Let not your heart be

proportions of his life, but that is not to speak without enthusiasm. Swiftly "Thank you, sir," said the dying man: where you get your joy. Men must look | there spread over the manufacturing towns | "I have that peace; I am going to that after their diet, but they need not think of France a reign of saintly purity. Men Saviour; God is with me; I want no more. of every potato and piece of bread that once more shrank from vice and clung to These were his last words, and his spirit

### Giving to the Lord.

There is no Christian duty which is per-

N. E. Prayer-Meeting.

Few New Englanders indeed feel that

sung to, read to, preached to, and prayed

to; but in the prayer-meeting especially

he feels he has a part to perform. Because

he has a part in it, and does that part

promptly and well; because he in no mere

staters around him; this is the most im-

portant, the most profitable, the best ser-

Even the unconverted share this feeling.

Many of them would rather attend such a

meeting than hear the best of sermons,

though it were preached by a Simpson or

No wonder the Sunday evening prayer

and conference meeting is so beloved. It

Weary with his labors, yet happy in

his Master's company, the preacher opens

er, and may be a few remarks, Then his

Woman's voice takes up the pleading

tender with unwept tears, clear and strong

whose benefactions for the last thirty lieve the unmanured had the preponder-Mr. Peabody's-has also set an example

lonation. That rule was: "As God hath Farmer. prospered him." The gift was to be in lue proportion to meome. The widow's two mites weighed as heavy in the scales of charity as the golden shekels of the mil-

This method of giving by daily or weekmillions of dollars during their "centenary as a "memorial" to the Lord in gratitude on which the assembly of saints floats to for their happy reunion. The thousands The assembly of saints floats to for their happy reunion. The thousands The assembly of saints floats to for their happy reunion. The thousands are produce flowers under culture. of Dr. Adam's and Dr. Hall's congregations must be supplemented by the dimes of the seamstress and day-laborer, and the

Years ago I knew of a poor mechanic who gave twenty-five gold dellars annually to Christian enterprises, though his wafive cents a day for the Lord, instead of of potatoes on which so many of our conwasting it on beer and tobacco. His wife temporaries are yet very much concerned. earned two dollars a week, and laid by ten cents. The children occasionally picked up a few pennies by running on errandi responsibility usually ends, urless he be etc.; and they, too, were glad to drop their mites into the box. So they accuregarded as a moderator. Some leading mulated a half dollar per week, and be- sixty pounds of manure in a day, measurcame, spiritually, one of the richest fami-

Now, why cannot every Christian who wise?" We ask another question: Has opinion of many good cultivators that three reads this brief article "go and do likeany follower of Christ the moral right to loads of peat or muck mixed with one of accumulate and invest great wealth? Are cow dung, make compost quite as effective not successful earners bound to be gener- for top-dressing meatows as the cow dung several more short and direct prayers; ous and systematic distributors?—Rev.

A young clergyman, having preached before a body of ministers, was disappoint-ed in not hearing any remarks made in regard to his sermon. He at length ob-served to a father in the ministry; "My

# Karm, Garden and House. I. D. R. COLLINS, Editor.

Lime for an Orchard. Lime is good manure for an orchard, be use the trees require it for building up their trunks and branches, and in the formation of their foliage and fruit. It may be applied at any time, but late in the fall or early in the spring, is the most suitable period. It should be put on in the shape of dry dust, and be spread evenly over the surface, and harrowed in. You may give a good dressing; there is no fear that you will apply a large quantity. A bushel to the square rod may be safely applied, but peck or even a quart will be better than none at all. Wood or peat ashes are excellent manure; they should be spread evenly over the surface, and should not ome in contact with the trunks of the trees, for fear of damaging the bark. Lim from well purped lime stone is the best fo your purpose. It should be slacked by pouring water upon it, and when it has crumbled into dust, it should be applied before it becomes heavy and damp by extracting moisture from the atmosphere. If a comparatively small quantity of lime is mixed with muck or rich soil of any kind, allowed to remain in the heap for a considerable time, and then applied to the orchard etc., it will be more beneficial

## Fire Fanged Manure.

out mixing .- Western Rural.

recollect having seen any statement as to the injurious results of firefanging from becoming overheated. Most farmers have down with the severity of their early trainthe manure being permitted to remain too haps, is the point at which reform should long in heaps before being spread, where

pearance, and is also very light. In this horse; in fact, they know so little about condition it is termed firefanged, and is the points of a horse, that they generally

peal; others give only when there diges. I resolved to test the accuracy of the statepeal; others give only when there diges.

I therefore salested that love to twinkle to music of a galop, as I have proven to myself of late.—New First introduced. Use no other. Sold by Druggood humor. A third class give for two rows of sweet potatoes, and I scraped The system of crossing which has been stentation-like the selfish curmudgeon away the dirt from the slips on each. I adopted since the introduction of thoroughwho bestowed a hundred dollars on a town then applied to each slip of one row about bred stallions around in the country, apwith discrimination. This is the way in and the same cultivation given each. In ling of blood is sure to be the animal operation is 2052, and more than 400 of which the late Arthur Tappan bestowed the fall the potatoes were carefully dug which will be selected as a sire. His his liberal benefactions. The popularity and each row weighed accurately; also a light action, showy appearance and of the object never bribed him, and the row with no manure. The unheated ma- high-sounding pedigree, will be a sufficient uupopularity never deterred him. He nure more than doubled the product. The recommendation to those who are ignorheld his wealth in trust for Jesus Christ, heated and unmanured were very nearl, ant of the various points and qualities to file a satisfactory bond. When appliand lived up to an honest, conscientious equal, there being a small remnant in each which are connected with the strength,

I was astonished at the result, and readthe week let every one of you lay by him from seeing so many manure heaps going n store as God hath prospered him." This to ruin in the same way, farmers sustain noney thus saved out of the week's in- annual losses from firefanging sufficient to ome was to be put into Christ's treasury. pay or even more than pay their taxes. manure heaps greet your olfactories, be The first principle is giving by plan, ye warned that the strength thereof is and not at random. On each Sabbath the fast escaping. In this case you should store was to be laid aside for Christian arrest further loss by composting at once charity. There was also to be a regular- so as to break up the heat or distribute ty in the amount of the gifts. Instead where wanted and plough under. The of trusting to the caprices of the moment, above remarks apply solely to barnyard o be a fixed rule by which to guage the manures, not to composts .- [Carolina

MIXING OF POTATOES IN THE HILL.-It potato growing in a hill which ought to white hill. There has been much mystery ly appropriations develops also the power made over it, and some theories as wise as of the littles. Great aggregates are made the fish theory which Franklin proposed up by accumulation of pennies and of to the academy, have been started, to account for the "mixing." It is well builds her stately cathedrais. This is the known now that there is no "crossing," way by which Methodism raised eight "mixing," or "hybridizing" in the matter It results from a law of change which year." By this method only can the seems inherent in every plant, to make Presbyterians hope to raise five millions slight variations in its form or properties without the intervention of seed. This is equally well drained by natural drains or These never produce flowers under culture, tion from thirty to forty years, and pret- too much fooling round no go

from seed, but have been found in stocks of other kinds. These are natural variaof mystery has been about the hill mixing -Philadelphia Press.

How Much MANURE TO A Cow .- Carefully conducted experiments show that a low of the average size will void about which is more than three cords weighing over ten was, for a year. It is in the

were carefully saved by peat absorber uble the pile or be equal to twenty-

run down meadow, producing a ton of hay | or less per acre, it would increase the crop For two or three years past the owner

probably to three tons per acre the first probably to three tons per acre the first year, and the affects of it would be seen in increased crops for five years longer. of their ewes. As the supply of fine wool In those two acres it would make all the difference between profitable and unprofit- mitted to have been in excess of the able farming for five years. This compost, if sold in many good farming districts, would bring four dollars per cord, or nine-disease and casualties adjust the supply ty-six dollars. Used on the meadow, it to the demand. But is it the part would produce much more in successive erops of hay. This estimate shows what may be done under favorable circumstanto still further reduce his number of ces if increase the home supply of fertili- sheep, to continue to breed all his best zers. We have found that nothing pays animals, and bring about a reduction by better than labor applied to the compost selling off the older and more inferior ones.

#### Management and Breeding of Horses.

eap.-Homestead.

The severe work to which young horses are now subjected is the chief cause of the esent great liability to disease. If they were well fed, and allowed to mature their enstitutions before being trained, they would, in all probability, remain sound for considerable time. This we fear, is not ikely to be attended to. The farmer has many demands on his purse that he can reely afford to allow his horses to roam large till they reach their fourth year; and the turfite finds it more profitable to race his colts at two years old, than to keep them over, at beavy expense, until to the soundness of animals, would point out as the proper period for their first appearance on the turf. The necessities of I have recently read several interesting I have recently read several interesting the one, and the avaricious disposition of communications in the Farmer relative to the other, thus renders it next to impossicomposting manures, etc., but I don't ble to get good sound stock either to use or to breed from.

an idea that it is necessary for all barn- ing and racing; or else, if they continue vard manures to go through a state of to run on, and well, for three or four years ermentation, and for this purpose they they command such enormous prices, that are frequently tarown into heaps and suffered to go through a heat with the belief chaser of a first-class stallion, unless the that the desired result has been obtained. breeders could be induced to change their Firefanging also sometimes occrues from present opinions and practice. This percommence; and we are inclined to think fermentation was not sought. Firefang- that those parties who keep brood mares ing in this case may be said to be a re- would willingly incur a much greater exsult of the belief on the part of the farmer pense than they do at present, if they that he can handle barnyard manures in were properly alive to, and aware of, the the same way he can muck, ashes, or any importance of the matter. In general, cial positions; but like the master they The heat produced from bulking ma- subject, that they are better satisfied to

A number of years ago I saw in an ag- Such men breed from any mare tha injurious effects of firefanging. Having ten dallar sire; or, if their aspiring some manure on hand that I had thrown thought earries them so high, some thointo a pile for the purpose of fermenting, rough-bred one, whose shape, make, blood and which had heated until there was not and performance bring him to about the life enough in it to produce any more heat, same price. They thus get a living

more than the steelyards would draw at substance, durability and disposition of selves the petitions are referred to the one time, but of the two remnants I be- the animal. Besides, the same horse is out the slightest regard to that exact The preliminaries for establishing a new of judicious distribution, as well as of ily came to the conclusion that, instead of adaption of form, in size and dam, which barnyard manure losing 50 per cent. by is absolutely necessary in order to secure The Bible not only counsels generous firefunging, according to the statement, it a satisfactory result. Breeding from giving, but systematic giving. In his first lost, if my experiment could be considered blood stallions is highly commendable, epistle to the Corinthians Paul makes this a criterion, 100 precisely. Since that provided it is done with judgment and ecommendation: "Upon the first day of time I have often been led to believe, discretion; but the practice of violent crossing is directly objectionable, and can- By the maps of the post-office department not be too strongly condemned. Extremes constantly putting their complete cartmares to thoroughbred hores, expecting to

> neither for slow or fast use. By the practice here referred to, breedplace of being a fair medium between the balanced and proportioned that he is comparatively useless. His temper, moreover, is frequently characterized by a want of conformity to the purposes for which of the great wall on the frontier. his owner might think him in other respects best adapted .- Prairie Farmer.

Subsoiling Vindicated .- It took twenty-three acres of generally rolling land, of a gentleman who consulted him: "I think you too much dance, to much eat, This portion had never been seeded to grass of any kind, to my knowledge-at least not for many years. The othtions of the roots, with which flowers have er eleven acres I ploughed the usual way, had nothing whatever to do. This case of that is, what would be termed shallow the sweet potato ought to remove whatever ploughing. It was all planted about the same time, cultivated as near as could be alike, with cultivator. No hoeing was done on either piece. I think both peices of land had previously about the same attention, as regards manure and tillage except that the part I did not subsoil had the advantage of a good stiff sward of clospring, after being seeded three years .-The result was, that I took from the part average; while from the part which was may hear from others who may have experimented on the same principle, or something better .- Western Rural

> whele to the acres. That is a big story will require the credulity of a dozen

# Look to the Increase.

wisdom to pursue such a policy any lon-Any other course will as assuredly bring down the standard of excellence in quality of fleece as it will prove detrimental to constitutional vigor, and, as a consequence, ncrease the cost and labor of handling. Good rams can now be bought for their actual worth, and he who fails, because of any temporary depression in prices, to keep up the standard of his flock, may not realize what a mistake he has made until it is too late to rectify it, or recover from its consequences .- A. M. Garland, in

There is in this city an organization of rood, true, influential and noble women who secretly, or perhaps I should say, quietly, perform the work of ministering angels to the friendless who come to this great wilderness of people. Men and women, be they rich or poor, but especially the latter-for money purchases that which stands in the stead of friends, have such time as humanity, and a due regard only to make known the fact of their Age ickness of their sorrow, and lo! these ministering angels are at their sides, affording them every aid that mortal hand DONT WASTE TIME AND LABOR can furnish for them. Society, personal man being requires their assistance or their presence. It is an organized society B. A. FAHNESTOCK'S that has been in existence so long that it Blood horses are completely broken may be spoken of with safety. Sometimes these noble bands of Christian women find their zeal or their strength insufficient for the exhaustiveness of time, and die an early death; but not so with our Sisters They keep an office in which a secreta-

ry is employed, to whom the public, through the columns of the press, is referred for assistance, and this person informs the Sisters, or rather the Scraphs, who are nameless, and without recognizable personality, and they visit the sick. and afford them the comforts of proper food, medical attendance, become watchful nurses, write letters, and perform every service that the most devoted sister could. erve, they are meek and lowly in spirit, soms, swaying to the music of Strauss in a bewildering dance, one lovely, summer night, when but the midnight before I saw her in a little white muslin hood and gray lips of a poor German orphan boy who was burning with fever, and waiting for blameth not itself, but hideth the work of York Correspondence of Chicago Times.

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